and May 1983, these new trades have not yet been created; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely date by which these new trades will be created?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government and is likely to be finalised soon.

Allegations of partiality by the AAO in the grant of increments

2481. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some cases increments have been granted by the CDA and in others it has been denied by AAO (CDA) Delhi Cantt. to those civilians class III defence employees who acquired engineering degree during service in the Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and The All India EME Drawing Staff Association has brought this matter to the Defence Minister and the CGDA, R. K. Puram, New Delhi a number of times since 1981;

(b) the reasons for which these cases have not yet been finalised and for not taking any action against such malpractice of AAO Delhi Cantt; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) A representation dated 22nd September, 1984 was submitted to the then Raksha Rajya Mantri by the All India EME Drawing Staff Association, New Delhi. The full facts of the case are being ascertained and a reply will be laid on the Table of the House.

Drop-outs rate amongst ST children in N.E. States

2482. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drop-outs rate amongst children belonging to Scheduled Tribes is very high at the primary school level in Meghalaya and other States in the North-Eastern Region.

(b) whether the Central Government have provided additional assistance to those States to reduce the drop-outs rate; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The position regarding drop-out rate among students from scheduled tribes and general population at primary stage in respect of Meghalaya and other States/UTs in the North-Eastern Region, as in 1978-79, is as under:—

Drop out rates for (percentage)

	Scheduled Tribes	General Population
1. Assam	82.5	74.5
2. Manipur	84.9	82.7
3. Meghalaya	75.5*	75.1*
4. Nagaland	62.5	68.2
5. Tripura	89.2	68.0
6. Arunachal Pradesh	81.9	78.2
7. Mizoram	65.0	58.7

*Information relates to 1977-78.

(b) and (c) Among the States in the North-Eastern Region, Assam which is one of the nine educationally backward States, is receiving Central assistance for opening of non-formal education centres on (1) 50:50 sharing basis for NFE centres opened by the State Government for the children (both boys and girls in the age-group 9—14 and (2) on 90:10 sharing basis for centres meant exclusively for girls. Voluntary agencies in the State receive 100 per cent assistance for running such centres. Assistance for appointment of women teachers in primary schools is also given to the State on 80:20 sharing basis.

In addition Assam, Manipur and Tripura which are covered under tribal Sub-Plan receive monetary assistance for tribal children and parents in the shape of scholarships, stipends, mid-day meals, hostel facilities, free text-books and stationery, uniforms, compensation of parents, etc. During the period 1980—85, these States received the following special Central assistance for educational schemes under Tribal Sub-Plan:—

(Rupees in crores)

Assam	0.70
Manipur	2.36
Tripura	0.79

Course conducted by D.M.E.T.

2483. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electro-technology and Naval Architecture are prescribed as subjects for a degree course of the Marine Engineering College known as the Directorate of Marine Engineering Training;

(b) whether it is a fact that graduates from this institution, after a specified period of active sea service are required to qualify in the same subjects in 2nd Class Part B and 1st Class Part B examinations conducted by the Mercantile Marine Department;

(c) what is the rational behind subjecting qualified and trained Marine Engineers of D.M.E.T. to double tests in the same subjects;

(d) whether Government are aware that in some foreign countries like U.K. such graduates are not required to re-appear in the same subjects at any subsequent examination;

(e) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to dispense with the requirement of appearance of D.M.E.T. engineers at the examinations conducted by M.M.D.; and

(f) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Electro-technology and Naval Architecture are prescribed subjects for graduation certificate course of Marine Engineering College known as Directorate of Marine Engineering Training. This certificate is equivalent to a degree in marine engineering.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rationale behind further examination after active sea service is to test the candidate's competence to handle actual problems of operation and maintenance relating to electrical power generation and distribution and application of principles and calculation of naval architecture problems as Engineer in charge of the ship.

(d) According to information available with Director General of Shipping, there is an "alternative training scheme" in U.K. which includes sea service during training. Candidates passing the examination of this scheme are exempted from repeating the same at the end of the regular sea service. However, in DMET course there is no component of sea service and training is given only upto pre-sea standards. Hence the necessity of these examinations at the end of regular sea service..

(e) A suggestion has been made by DMET group 'A' teaching staff association that the DMET passed candidates should not be called upon to give examination in electro-technology and naval architecture after their sea service. This has not been agreed to because of the reasons stated in (c) and (d) above.

(f) Does not apply in view of (e) above.

Port-based wheat terminal

2484. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to develop a port-based wheat terminal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and which port is likely to be developed for the purpose and by when?